



## Texas Sheep Inventory

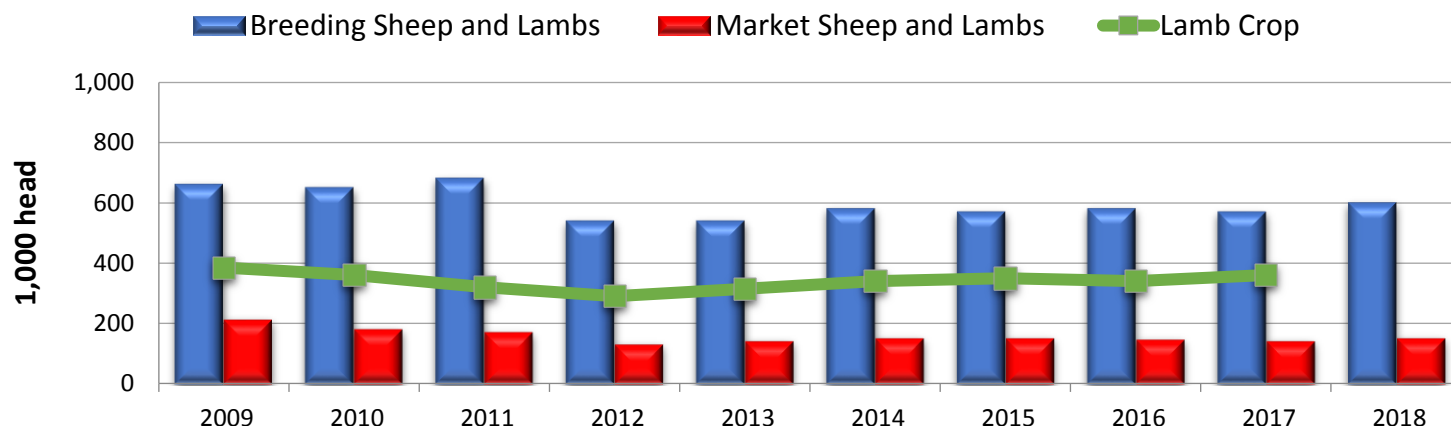
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### Texas Sheep and Lambs, January 1 Inventory and Annual Lamb Crop



**Texas Sheep:** The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 750 thousand head on January 1, 2018, up 6 percent from last year's level of 710 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 600 thousand head, up 5 percent from 2017. Breeding ewes one year old and older were up 6 percent, at 465 thousand head. Replacement lambs were up from last year at 100 thousand head. The 2017 lamb crop at 360 thousand head was up 6 percent from 2016.

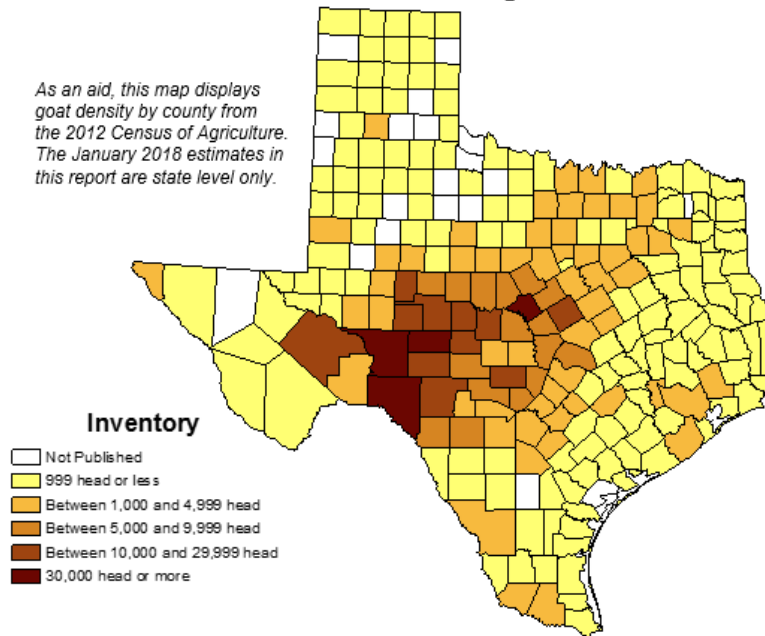
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were up 7 percent from last year, totaling 150 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 10 thousand head, unchanged from 2017, while lambs for market totaled 140 thousand head, up 10 thousand head from last year.

**Texas Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop**

Item	2016	2017	2018	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs.....	725	710	750	106
Breeding Sheep and Lambs .....	580	570	600	105
Ewes 1 year and older .....	445	440	465	106
Rams 1 year and older .....	35	35	35	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old .....	100	95	100	105
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	145	140	150	107
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	10	10	10	100
Lambs under 1 year old .....	135	130	140	108
Under 65 pounds .....	80	80	85	106
65-84 pounds.....	25	20	25	125
85-105 pounds.....	15	10	10	100
Over 105 pounds .....	15	20	20	100
Lamb Crop .....	340	360		

## Texas Sheep and Lambs Inventory by County 2012 Census of Agriculture

*As an aid, this map displays goat density by county from the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The January 2018 estimates in this report are state level only.*

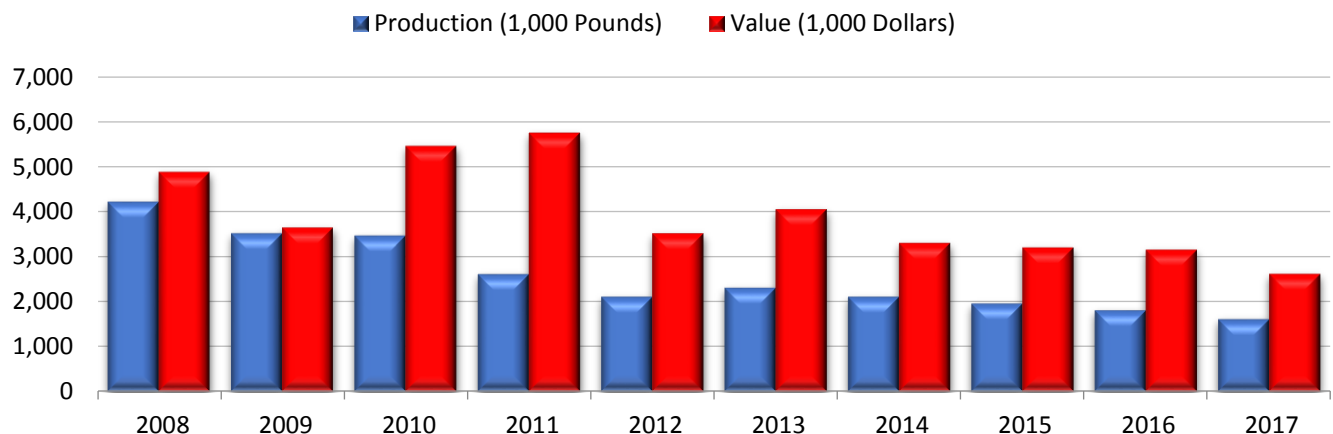


**Texas Wool Production:** Texas producers sheared 240 thousand sheep and lambs during 2017, down 8 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.60 million pounds during 2017, 11 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were down from 2016, at 6.7 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was down 17 percent from the previous year to 2.61 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.63 during 2017, 7 percent lower than the average for 2016.

**Texas Wool Production, Price and Value**

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2015	270	7.2	1,950	1.64	3,198
2016	260	6.9	1,800	1.75	3,150
2017	240	6.7	1,600	1.63	2,608

**Texas Wool Production and Value**



**U.S. Highlights:** Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.23 million head on January 1, 2018, down slightly from 2017. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.83 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.01 million head, were 1 percent lower than last year. The 2017 lamb crop totaled 3.20 million head, down 2 percent from 2016. The 2017 lambing rate was 105 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, unchanged from 2016.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.40 million head on January 1, 2018. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 345 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 205 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 295 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 475 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 80 thousand head.

**United States Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop**

Item	2016	2017	2018	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs.....	5,300	5,250	5,230	100
Breeding Sheep and Lambs .....	3,945	3,875	3,830	99
Ewes 1 year and older .....	3,105	3,045	3,005	99
Rams 1 year and older .....	175	170	170	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old .....	665	660	655	99
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	1,355	1,375	1,400	102
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	75	75	80	107
Lambs under 1 year old .....	1,280	1,300	1,320	102
Under 65 pounds .....	332	350	345	99
65-84 pounds.....	180	185	205	111
85-105 pounds.....	264	300	295	98
Over 105 pounds .....	504	465	475	102
Lamb Crop .....	3,250	3,200		

*A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 21,800 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 69 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.*

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